



# Armed Forces College of Medicine AFCM



## **Viral Lower Respiratory tract infections (Part 2)**

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## INTENDED LEARNING OBJECTIVES (ILO)



**By the end of this lecture the student will be able to:**

1. Describe the structure and antigenicity of viruses causing LRTIs
2. Describe pathogenesis and clinical manifestations of viral LRTIs
3. Outline laboratory diagnosis of viral LRTIs.

# Respiratory Tract Infections

## Upper respiratory tract Diseases

### **Common Cold** **Pharyngitis**

Otitis Media

Sinusitis

### **Laryngitis**

Epiglottitis

## Upper and Lower respiratory Tract Diseases

### **Croup**

### **Influenza**

Whooping Cough

## Lower Respiratory Tract Diseases

### **Bronchitis** **Bronchiolitis** **Pneumonia**

Pulmonary TB

Lung Abscess

# PNEUMONIA



## Definition

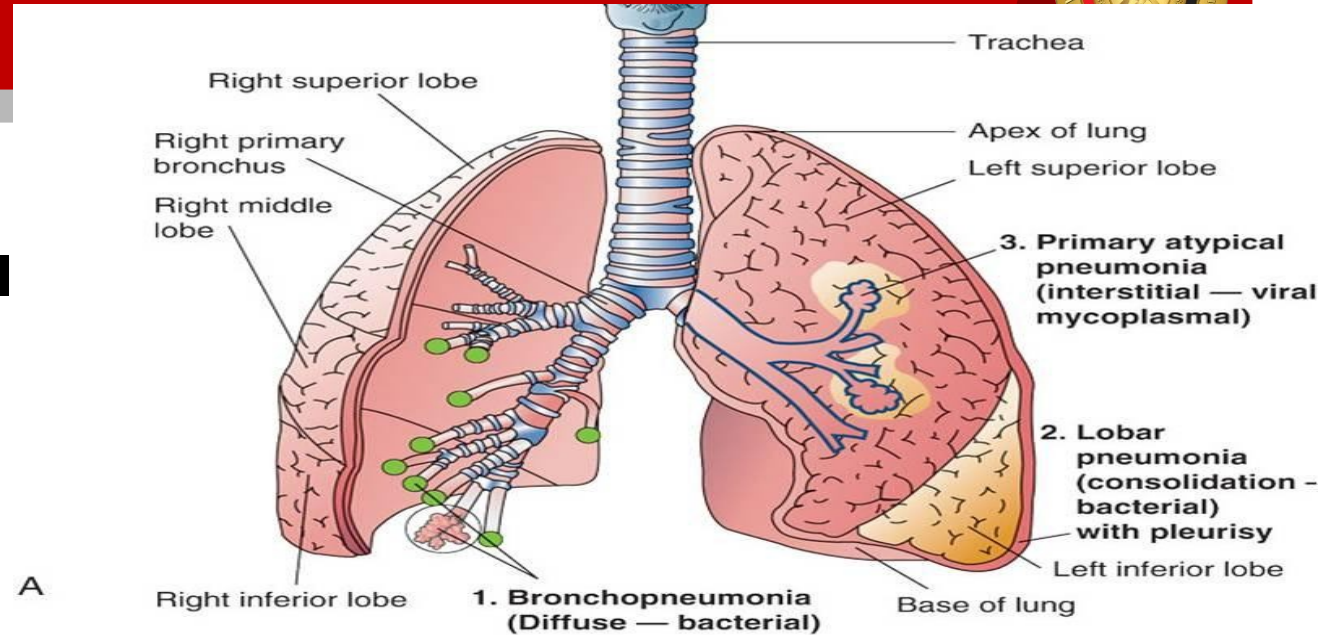
Inflammation of the **lung** affecting the al

## Clinical manifestations

1-Fever & Chest pain

2-Cough (dry or productive)

3-Dyspnea

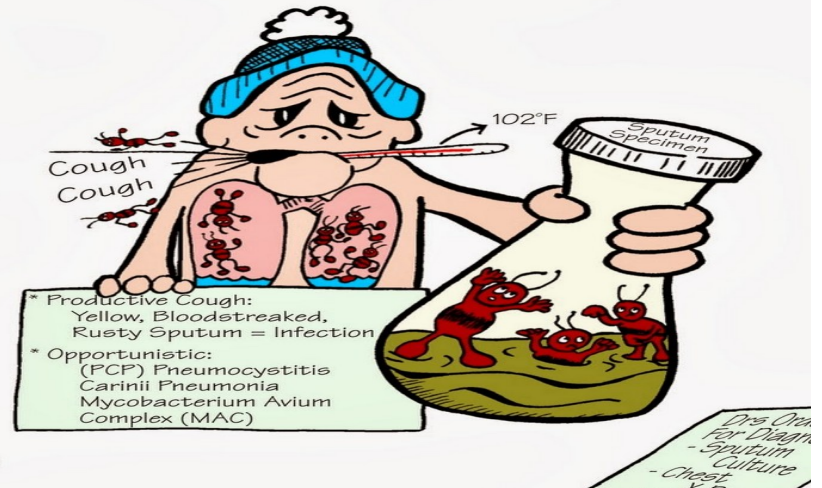


## PNEUMONIA

- \* Obstruction of Bronchioles
- \* ↓ Gas Exchange
- \* ↑ Exudate

### Symptoms...

- Cough
- Fever
- Chills
- Tachycardia
- Tachypnea
- Dyspnea
- Pleural Pain
- Malaise
- Respiratory Distress
- ↓ Breath Sounds



## Clinical classification

### Typical

### Atypical

### Manifestations

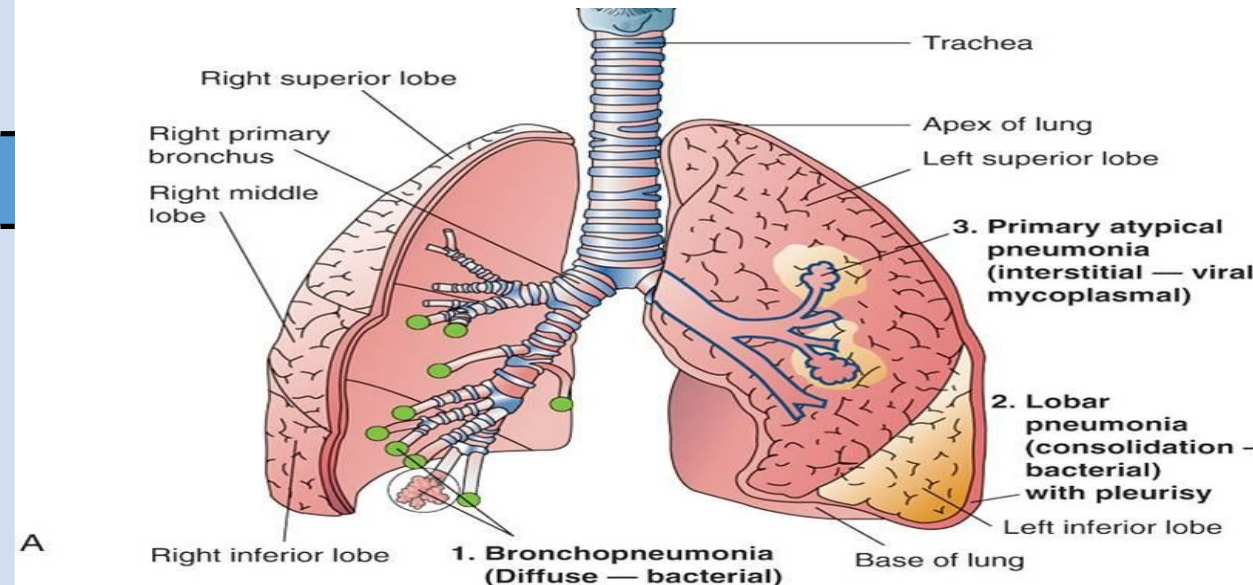
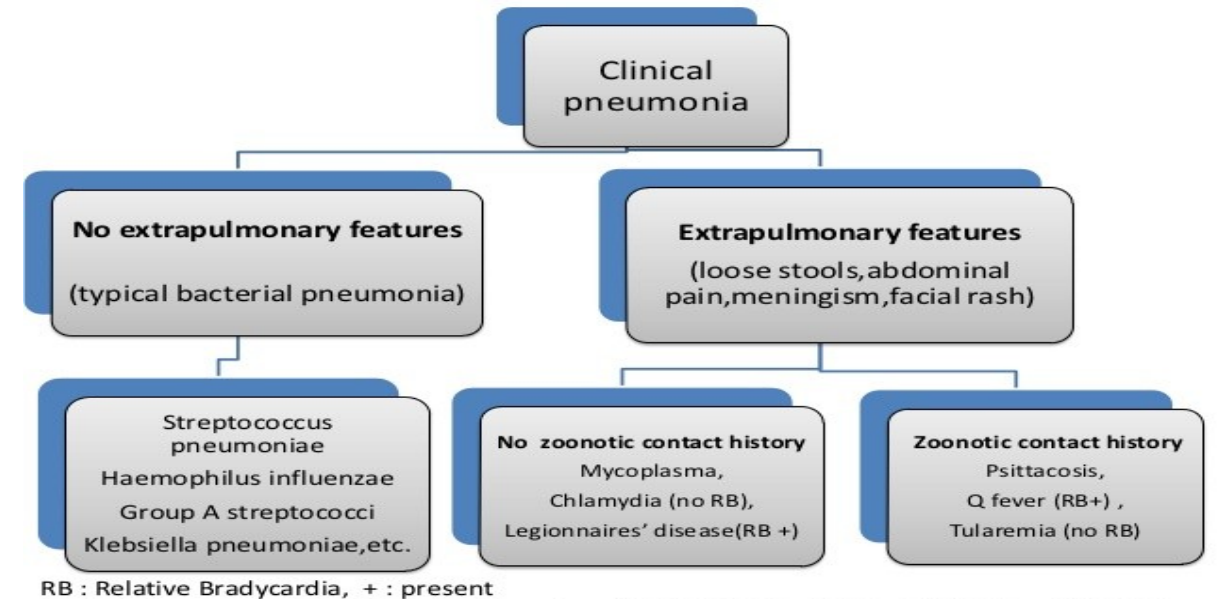
- 1-Rapid onset
- 2-More severe symptoms
- 3-Productive cough
- 4-Dense consolidation on chest Xray
- 5-Causative organism can be isolated on routine culture media

- 1-Slower onset**
- 2-Less severe symptoms**
- 3-Nonproductive cough**
- 4-Patchy interstitial pattern on chest X ray.**
- 5-Causative organisms can't be isolated on routine culture media**

### Causative agents

- 1-Strept.pneumoniae.
- 2-H.influenzae
- 3-Pseudomonas aeruginosa.
- 4-Klebsiella pneumoniae.
- 5 Bacillus anthracis

- 1-Legionella pneumophilla
- 2-Mycoplasma pneumoniae.
- 3-Chlamydia pneumoniae.& psittaci.
- 4-Coxiella burnetti.
- 5-Viruses and fungi.**





# Viral causes of Atypical Pneumonia



1-Influenza virus: the most common cause .

2-Respiratory syncytial virus.

3-Adenovirus.

## 4- Corona viruses

SARS -Cov ,MERS-Cov &SARS -Cov -2

5-Herpes viruses : in patients with ↓ cell medi

Cytomegalovirus,Herpes simplex virus & Varicella Z

6-Hanta virus : in certain geographical areas

## Causes of Atypical pneumonia

### □ Bacteria

- Mycoplasma pneumoniae (M. pneumoniae)
- Chlamydophila (C. psittaci, C. pneumoniae)
- Legionella
- F. tularensis
- Y. pestis
- B. anthracis

### □ Rickettsia

- C. burnetii (Q fever)

### □ Respiratory tract viruses

- Influenza, adenovirus, respiratory syncytial virus, parainfluenza virus

### □ Other viral agents

- Varicella-zoster, measles, Epstein-Barr virus, CMV, metapneumovirus, Hantavirus

### □ Fungi

- Histoplasma, Blastomyces, Coccidioides, Pneumocystis

**Myxo = affinity to mucin**

## Myxoviruses

### Orthomyxo viruses

### Paramyxo viruses

- **Smaller**
- **Segmented RNA genome**
- **Liable to Antigenic variation**

Influenza viruses

- **Larger**
- **Single piece of RNA**
- **Not liable to Antigenic variation**

- Parainfluenza
- Mumps virus
- Measles virus
- Respiratory syncytial virus



# Influenza Viruses



## Structure

### A- Family

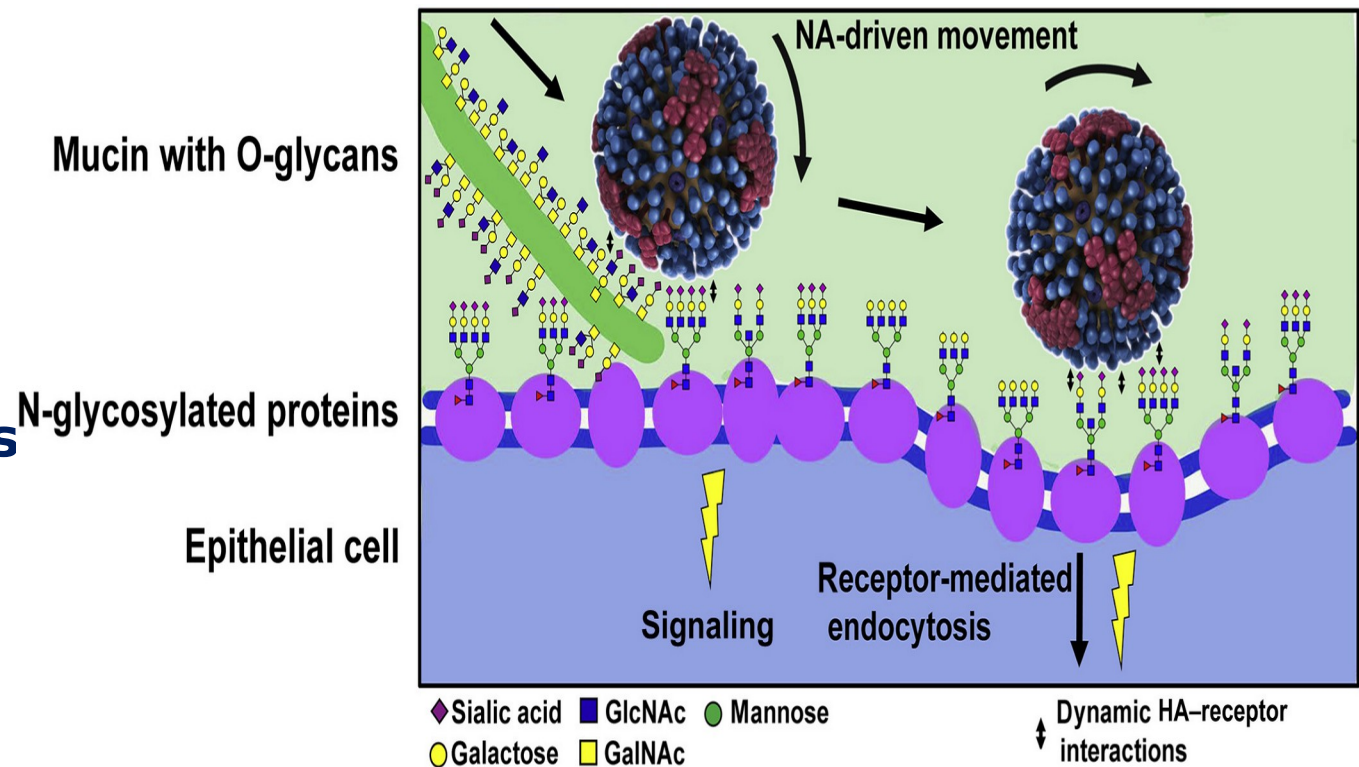
Are the only members of the **orthomyxoviruses**

(**myxo** : interact with **mucins**;

glycoproteins on the surface of cells).

□ They replicate in **mucous membranes**

**of upper and lower respiratory tract.**



## B-Nucleocapsid

### 1- Segmented ssRNA genome :

8 segments

### 2-Helical

### 3-Group (type) specific Ags

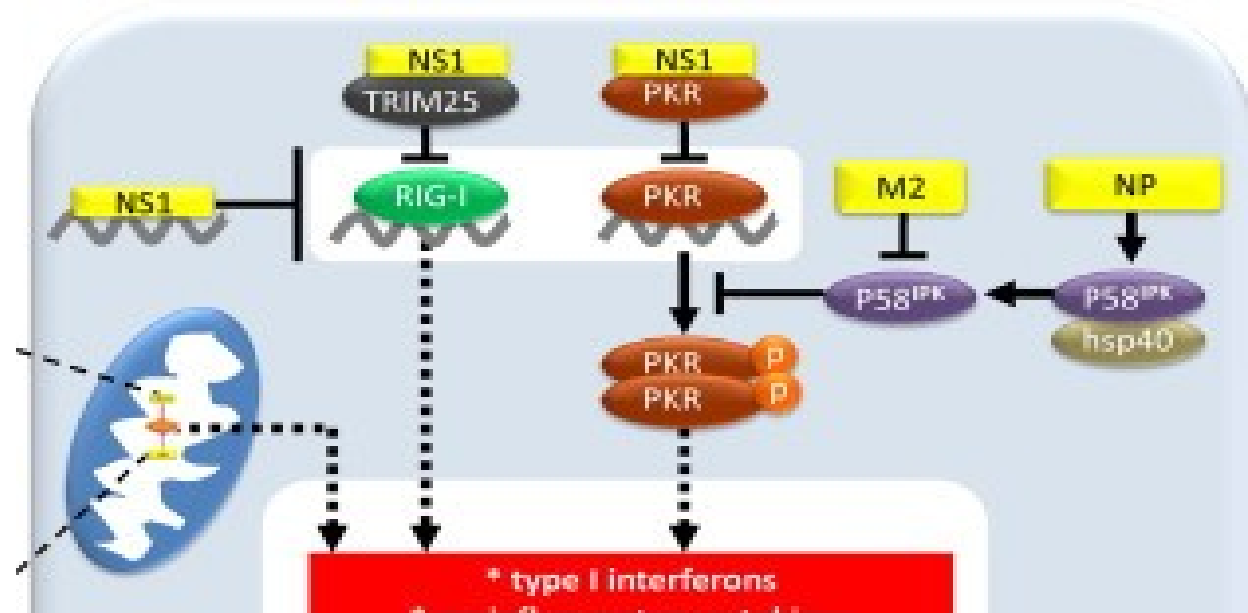
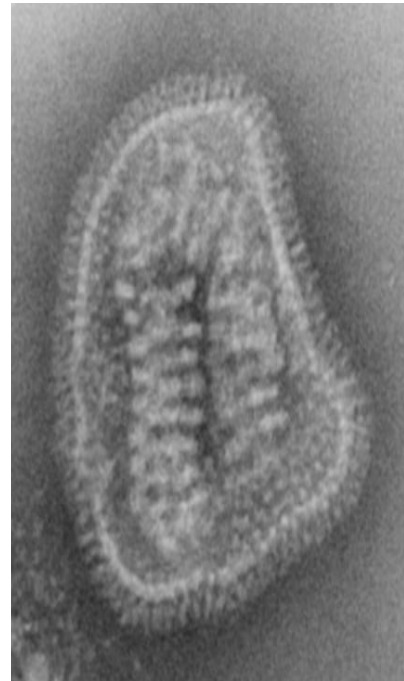
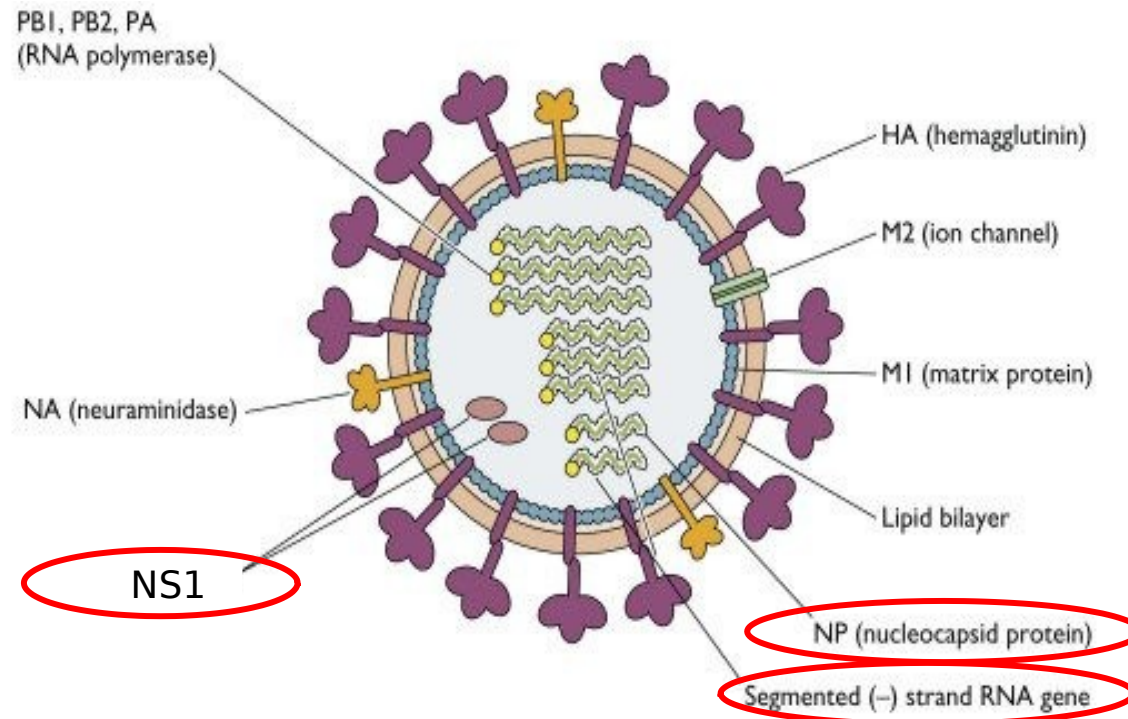
**Internal ribonucleoprotein** divides the virus

into **3 types: A,B &C**

4-Non structural protein : NS1

**Inhibits production of Interferon**

Enhances viral **virulence**



# Influenza Viruses



## C - Envelope

Contains **2 projecting glycoprotein spikes** :

Heamagglutinin( **HA**) & **Neuraminidase (NA)**

**Subtype ( strain) specific** Ags ( Major Ags)

; Divide type A into strains

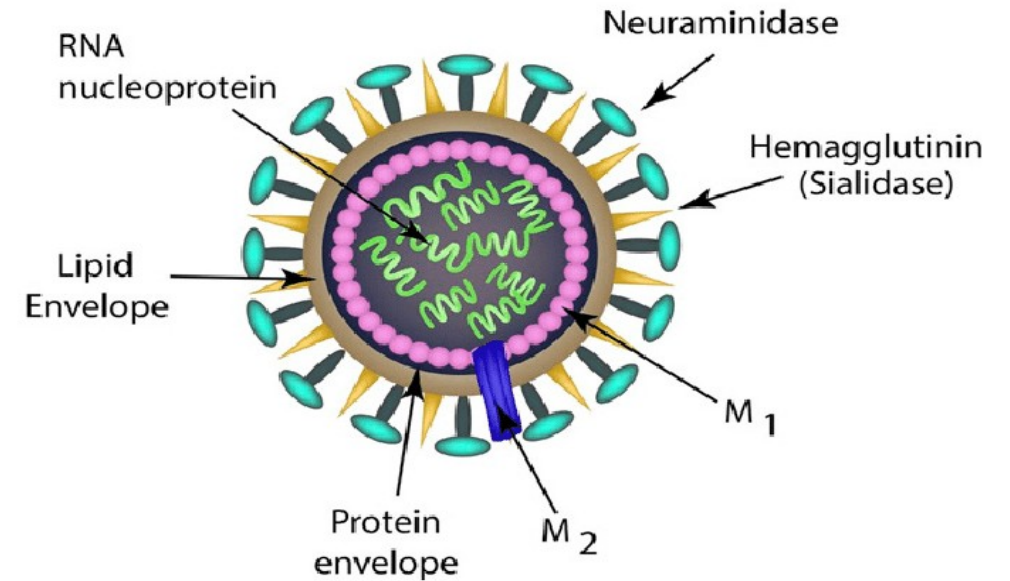
**Heamagglutinin (HA)**

1-Binds to host cell **receptors**

**Viral entry**

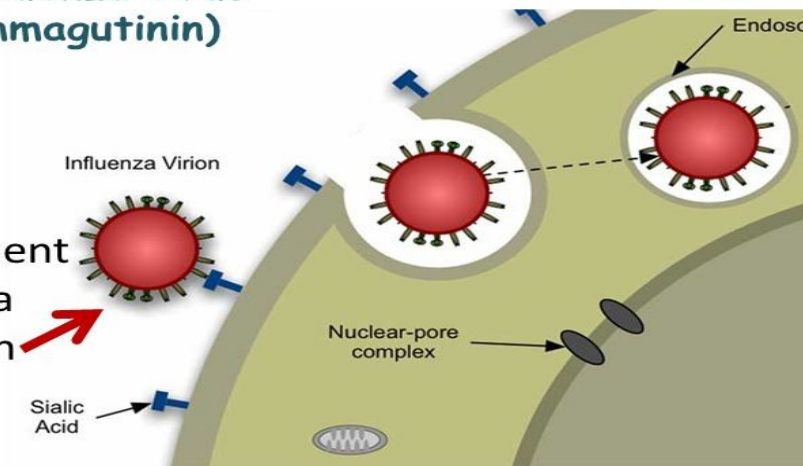
**Abs** against it **neutralize infectivity & prevent disease**

2 - **Heamagglutination** of animal RBCs



*N*-Acetylneuraminic acid (Sialic acid) is the influenza virus receptor (hemmagutinin)

•Allowing attachment to mucous cells via viral hemagglutinin (HA)





## Neuraminidase (NA)

1- **Cleaves neuraminic acid** of infected



**Viral release** (at end of infection)



**Abs** against it ↓ **viral release & s**

2 - **Degrade protective mucus** in RT

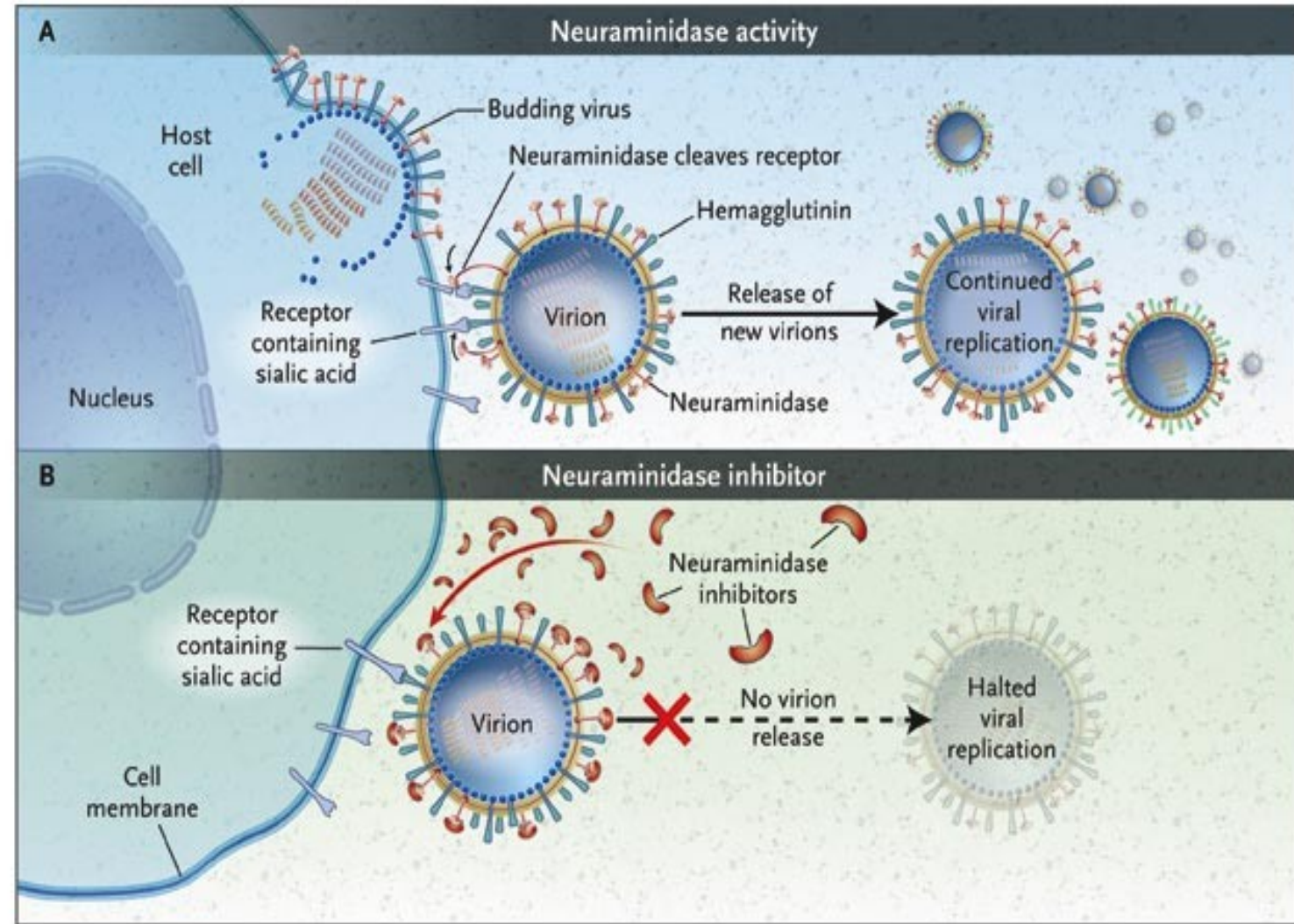


**Virus gets access to epithelial cells**

(at beginning of infection)

**NA** is inhibited by

***Oseltamivir ( Tamiflu)***







Influenza viruses have **Type -specific** and **subtype(strain)-specific antigens.**

**Internal ribonucleoproteins**

**Hemagglutinin and Neuraminidase**

## Influenza A

- Has **18** different types **Haemagglutinin (H1 to H18)** & **11** different **Neuraminidase (N1 to N11)**



Each strain is named according to **its type of HA & NA** e.g.

## H1N1

- Infects human & other species**

Many species of animals (e.g., aquatic birds, chickens, swine, and humans) have **their own influenza A viruses.**

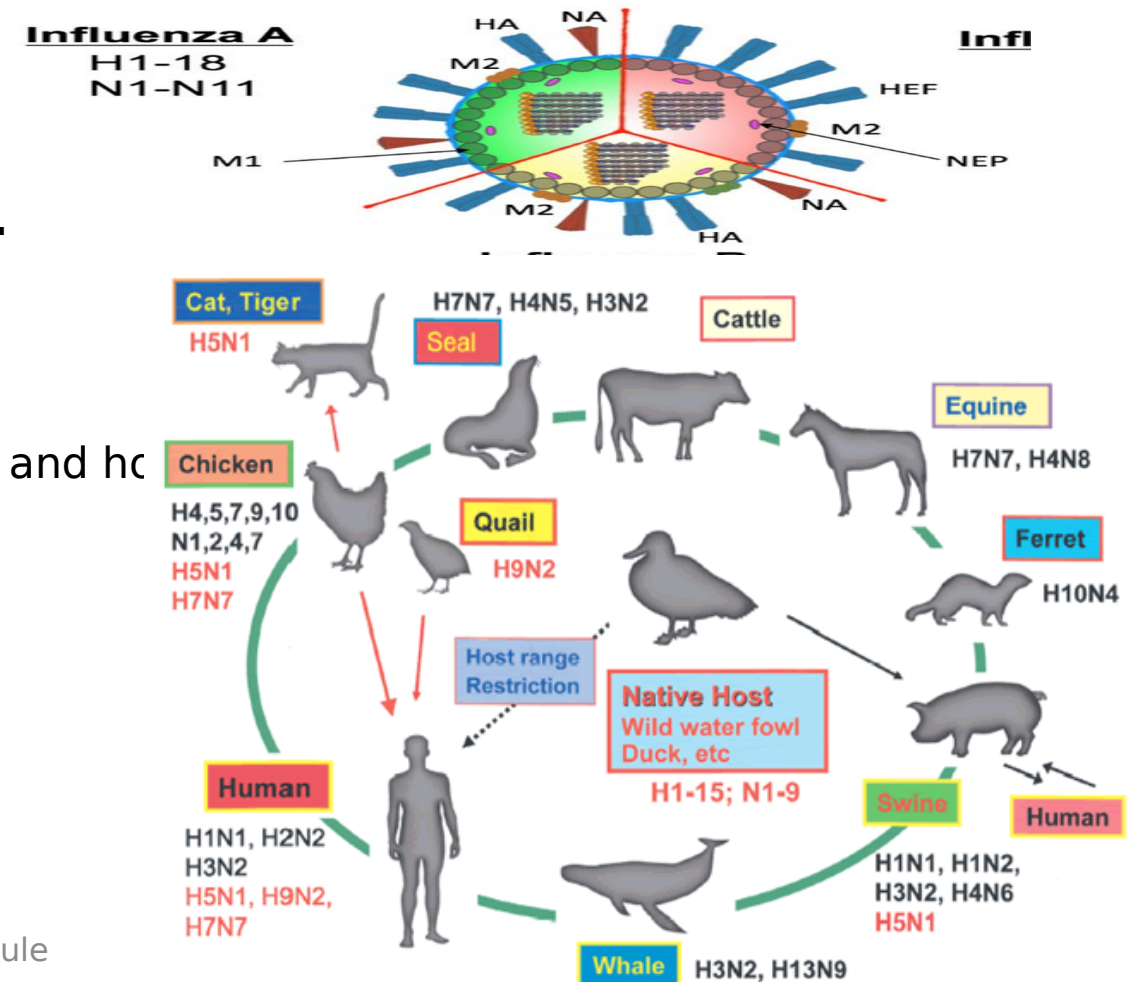
- Are the **usual cause of epidemics**

## Influenza B

- is only a **human** virus.
- Cause less severe disease and **smaller outbreaks**

## Influenza C

## Influenza Virus Types



# Antigenic variation of Influenza viruses

## Antigenic drift

- Type **A & B**
- **Spontaneous point mutation**

**Minor change** in amino

acid

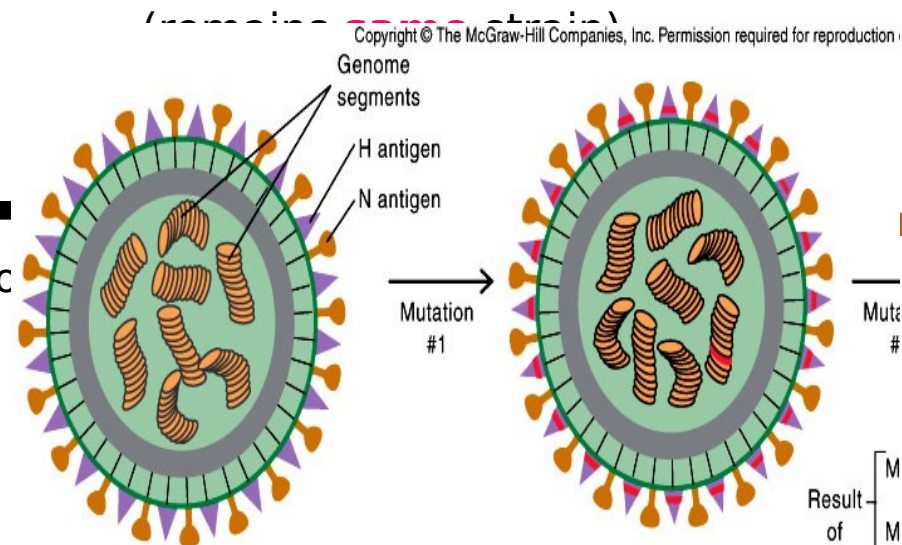
sequence of **HA** or **NA**

## Antigenic shift

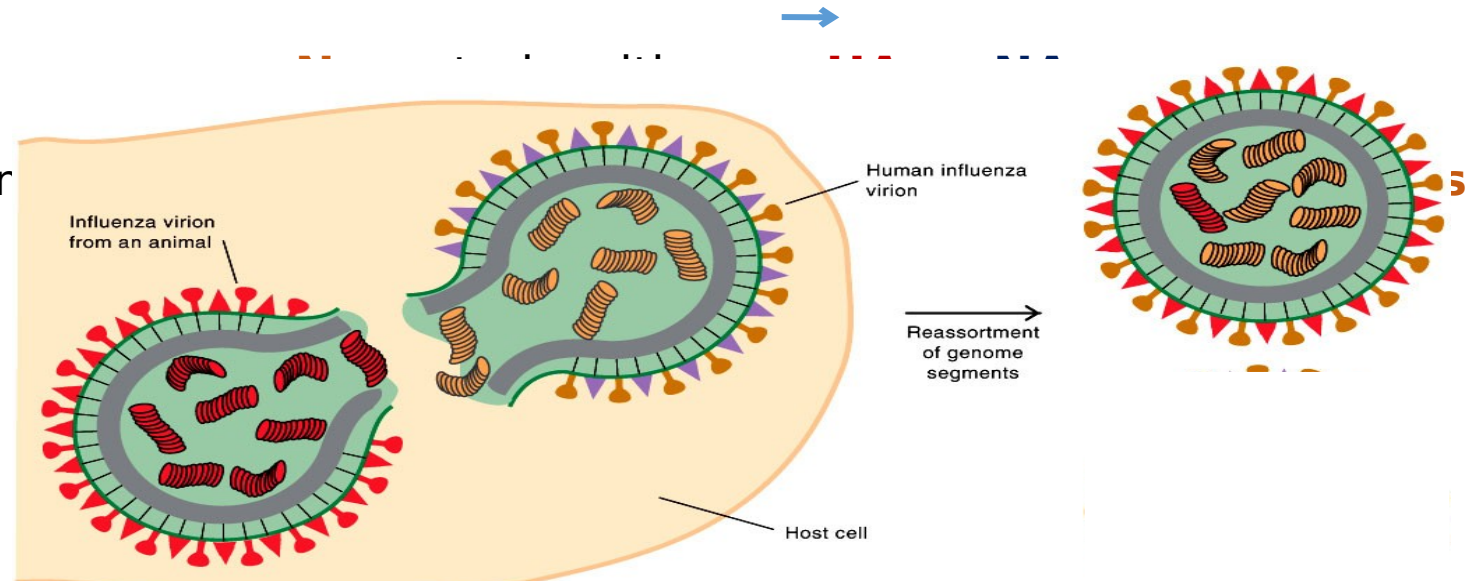
- Type **A only** **due to wide host range** ; infects both human & animals:  
Pigs, aquatic birds & chicken
- **Genetic reassortment** : 2 viruses of different strains infect a single cell

(**In pigs** : susceptible to avian, human & swine strains)

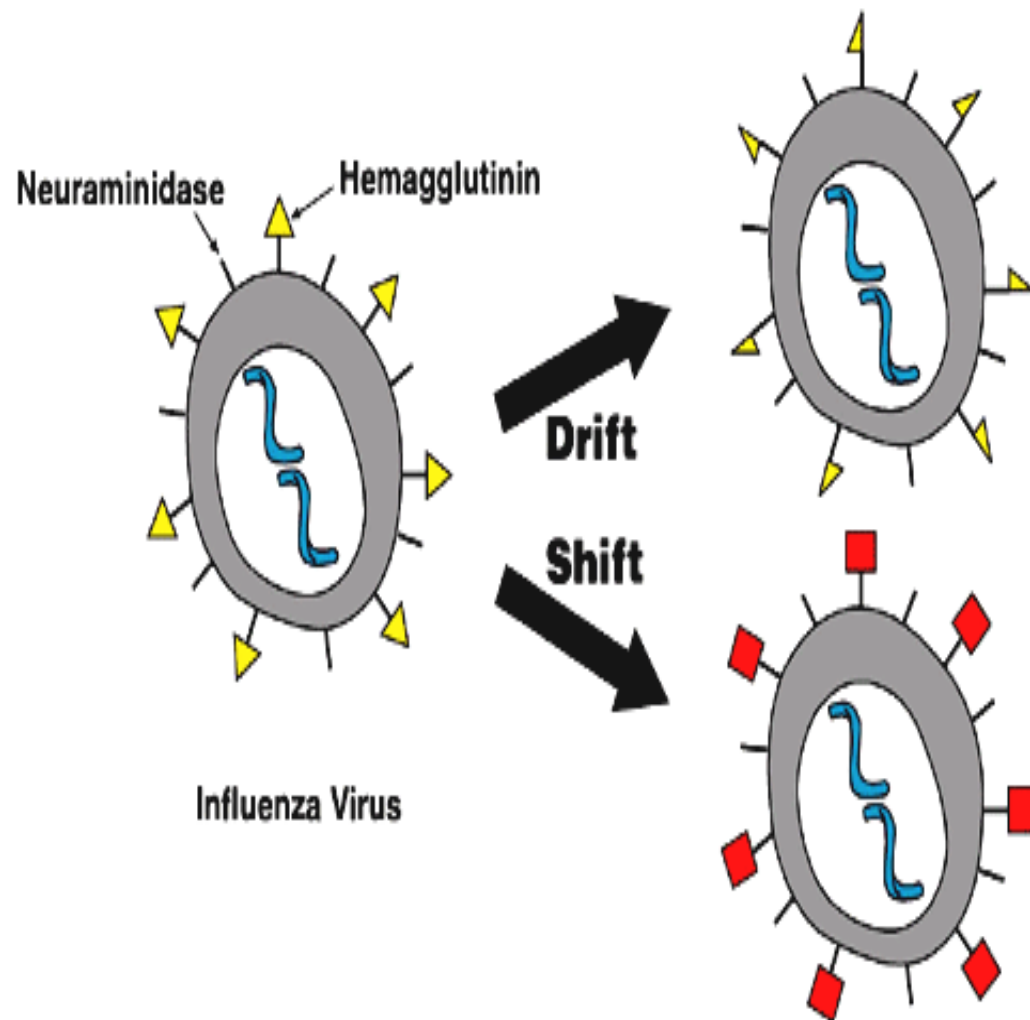
Gene segment coding for **HA** or **NA** in **one** strain **is replaced by another segment from the other strain**



ANTIGENIC DRIFT

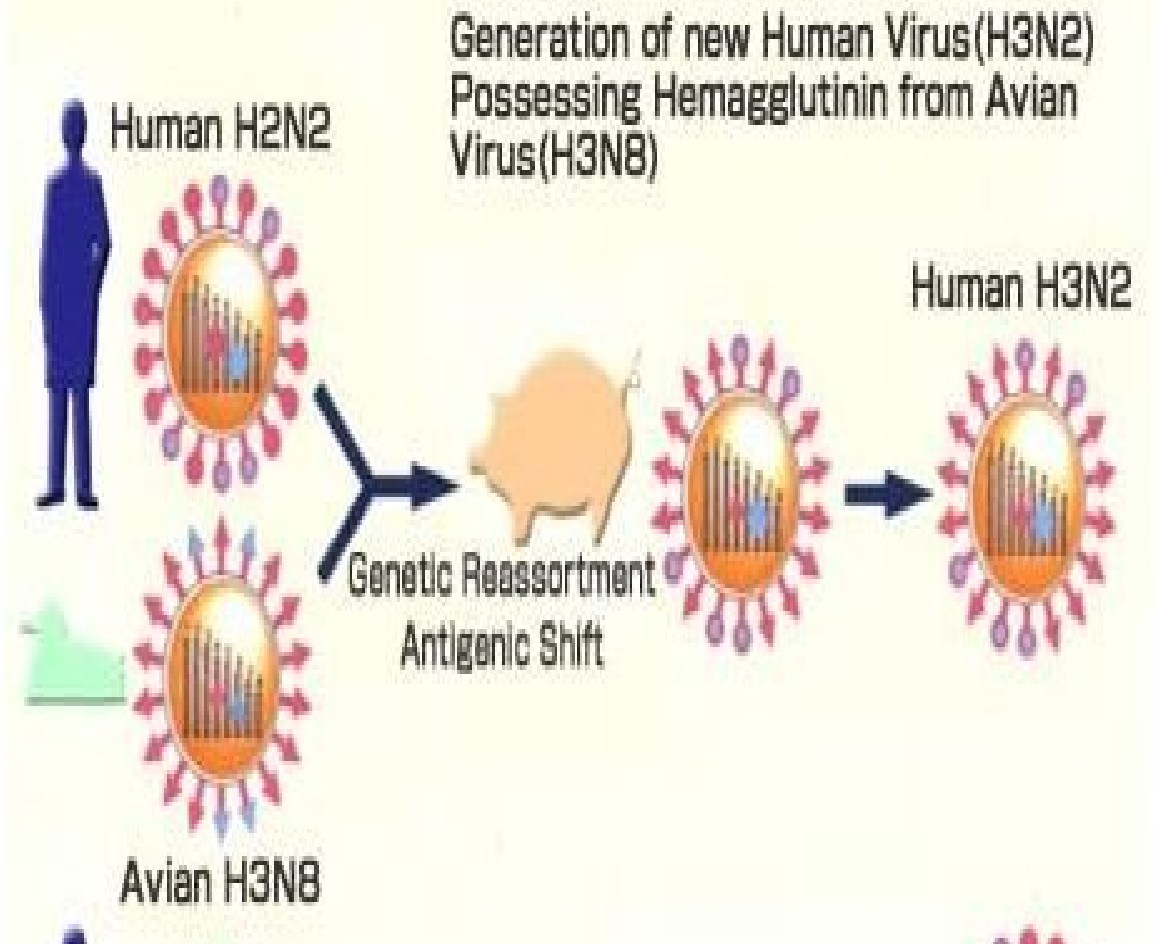


ANTIGENIC SHIFT



## Variation of Influenza Viruses

GlycoWord



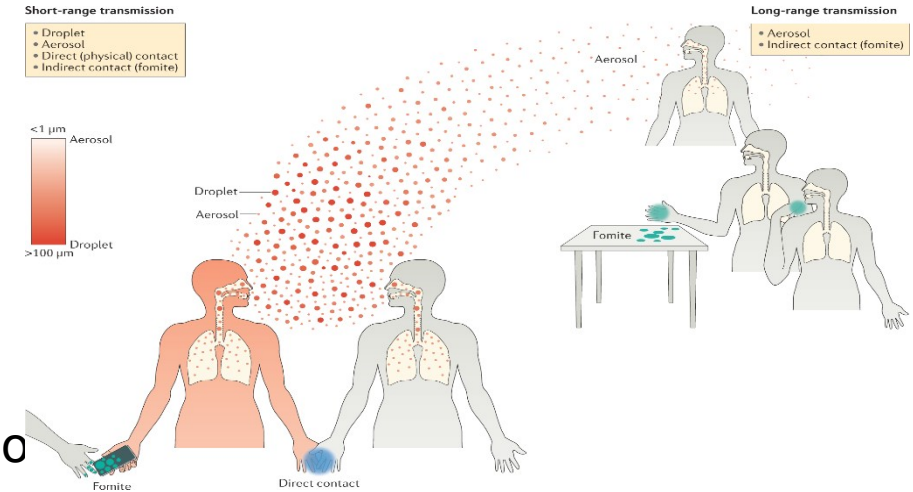
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1- Inhalation : droplets

2-Contact :

**a-Direct** : hand to hand contact followed by rubbing the nose

**b-Indirect** : via fomites, towels, contaminated surfaces



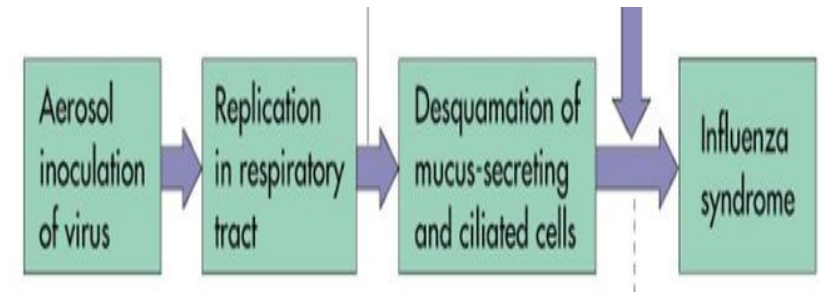


# Influenza Viruses



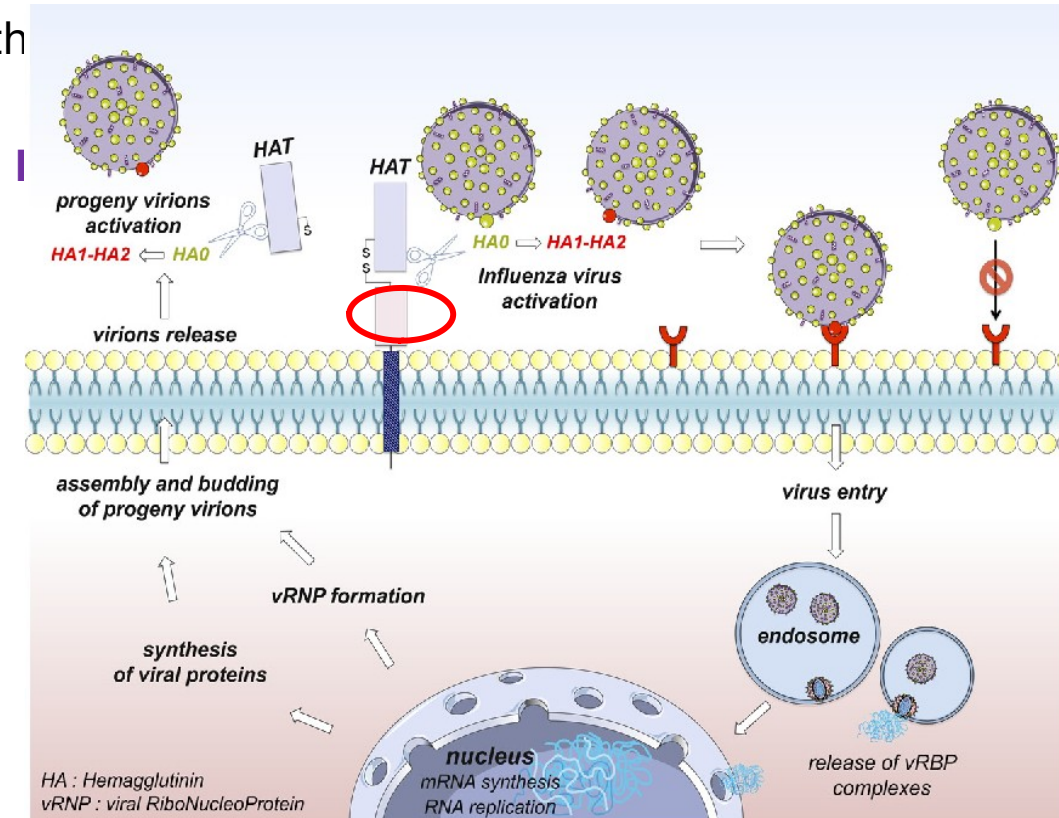
## B-Replication

- **NA degrades protective mucin layer** over epithelial cells of RT



Necrosis & desquamation of the superficial layers of resp. epith

- Infection is limited to RT as **local extracellular protease cleaves I**



- **Systemic symptoms** are due to **cytokine** release

(viremia is rare)



# Influenza Viruses



## C- Immunity

**Interferon  $\alpha$  & Secretory IgA are the main protective immunity**

## Clinical manifestations

**A-Local :** ♦ Nasal discharge ♦ Dry cough

**B-Systemic :** ♠ Fever, headache ♠ Myalgia

**C - Complications:** (infants, elderly, pregnant)

1-Otitis media (children) , & sinusitis

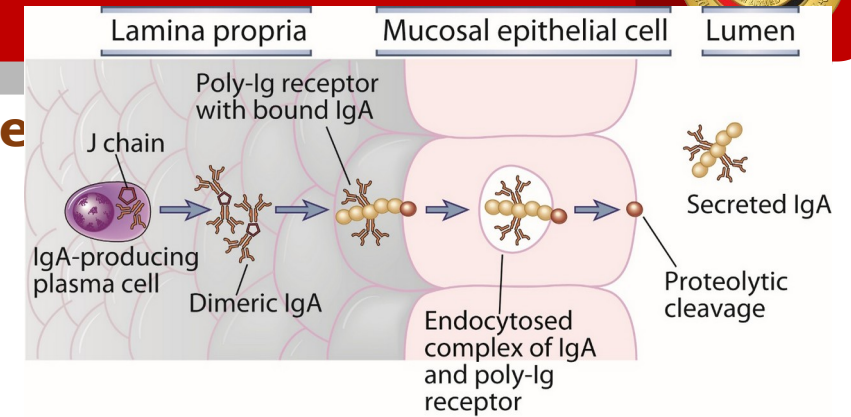
2- Bronchitis

## 3-Pneumonia

a.1ry viral pneumonia

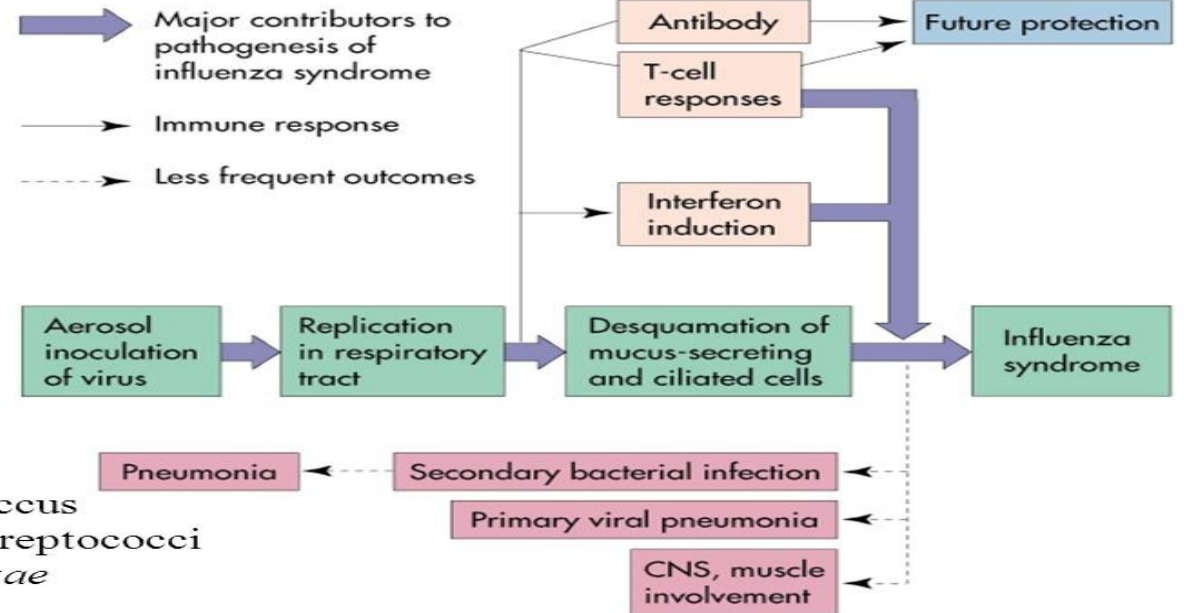
b.2ry bacterial pneumonia (most common)

by *S. aureus* ☹️ Pneumococci



## Influenza Pathogenesis

Key:



# Examples of Influenza Viruses in Humans



## Influenza A : H5N1 ((Avian flu)

### Pathogenesis

#### A - Mode of transmission

1- Direct spread from chicken

2- **Rare** human to human spread

#### B- Replication Infect chicken & other birds more effectively than humans (W)

1- Viral receptor is present **throughout the chicken RT**

**Primarily** cause avian influenza **in chicken**

2- Viral receptor in **human is present only in alveoli**

Humans **are rarely** infected

**Extensive exposure** reach alveoli

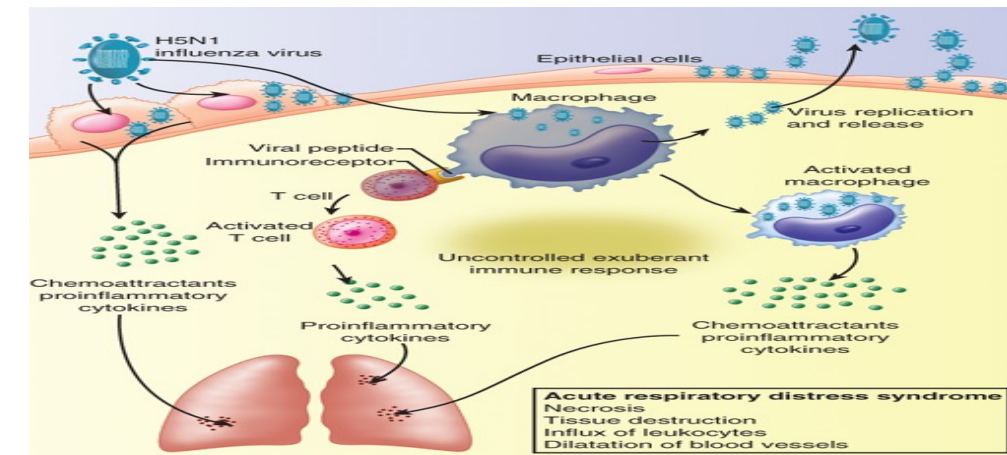
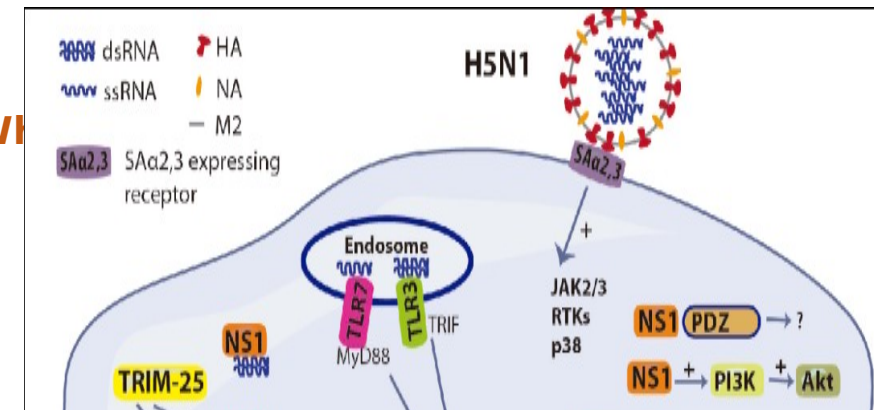
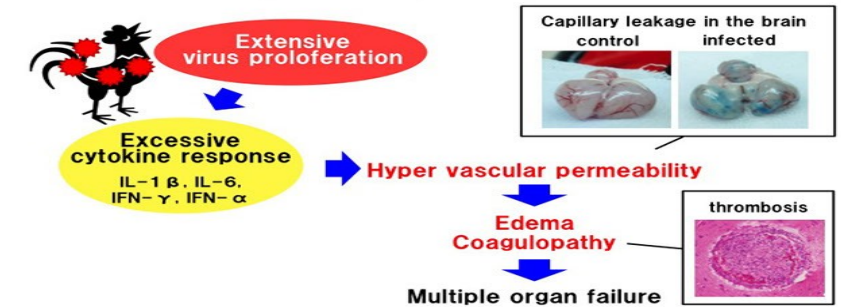
**Severe pneumonia**

Virus can

Prevention: **No vaccine** is available

Infectious module

### Pathogenicity of highly pathogenic avian influenza virus and cytokine response in chickens



# Influenza Viruses



Laboratory diagnosis: for epidemiological purposes

## Specimen

Nasal or throat swab

### A- Rapid diagnosis



Allow initiation of treatment within 48 hours

**1-ELISA : Detection of viral Ag**

**2-PCR**

### B-Serology

Rising titer of IgG

## Prevention

### A - Immunoprophylaxis: vaccination

**Most reliable method for prevention**

#### 1-Contents

**Quadrivalent vaccine** : most recent isolates of

**H1N1, H3N2 + 2 B strains**

**Reformulated every year** to contain current antigenic strains

**2-Effect & Administration** : needs to be given every year due to

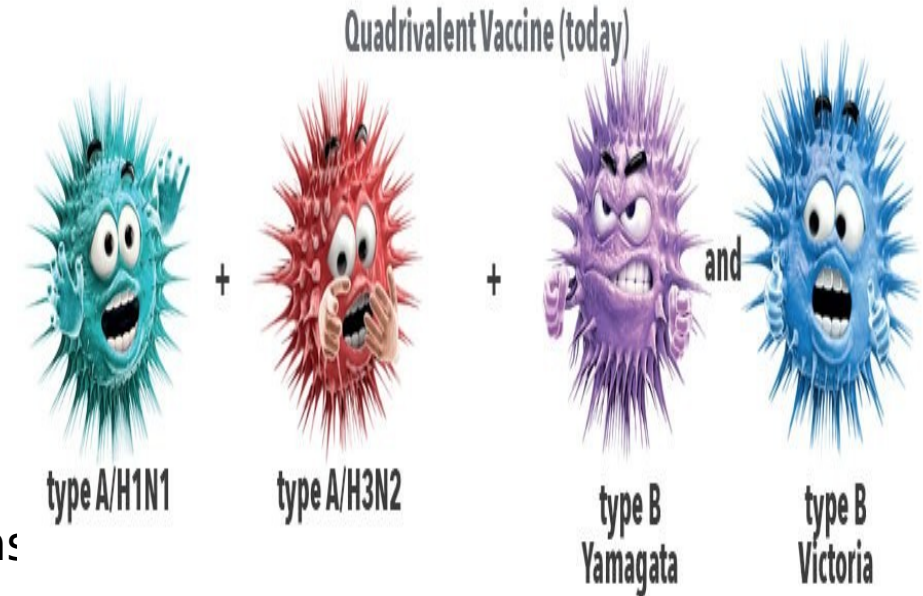
**a- Short lived** protection

**b- Antigenic drift**

#### 3-Types

☐ **Killed (Inactivated )**

☐ **Live attenuated**



Inactivated  
(killed)

## Intramuscular



In **chick** embryo

Indications

Persons with **↑ risk to develop complications & their contacts**

- i. Extremes of age
- ii. Immunocompromized patients

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Live  
attenuated

**Intranasal** (Nasal  
spray)



**Secretory IgA**

■ **Temperature sensitive**

**mutants in chick**

← **embryo** →

Can replicate  
in

No replication in  
lower RT (37C)

**cold nose**

Indications

**(33C)**

**Healthy individuals**

**with no risk for complications**





# Influenza Viruses



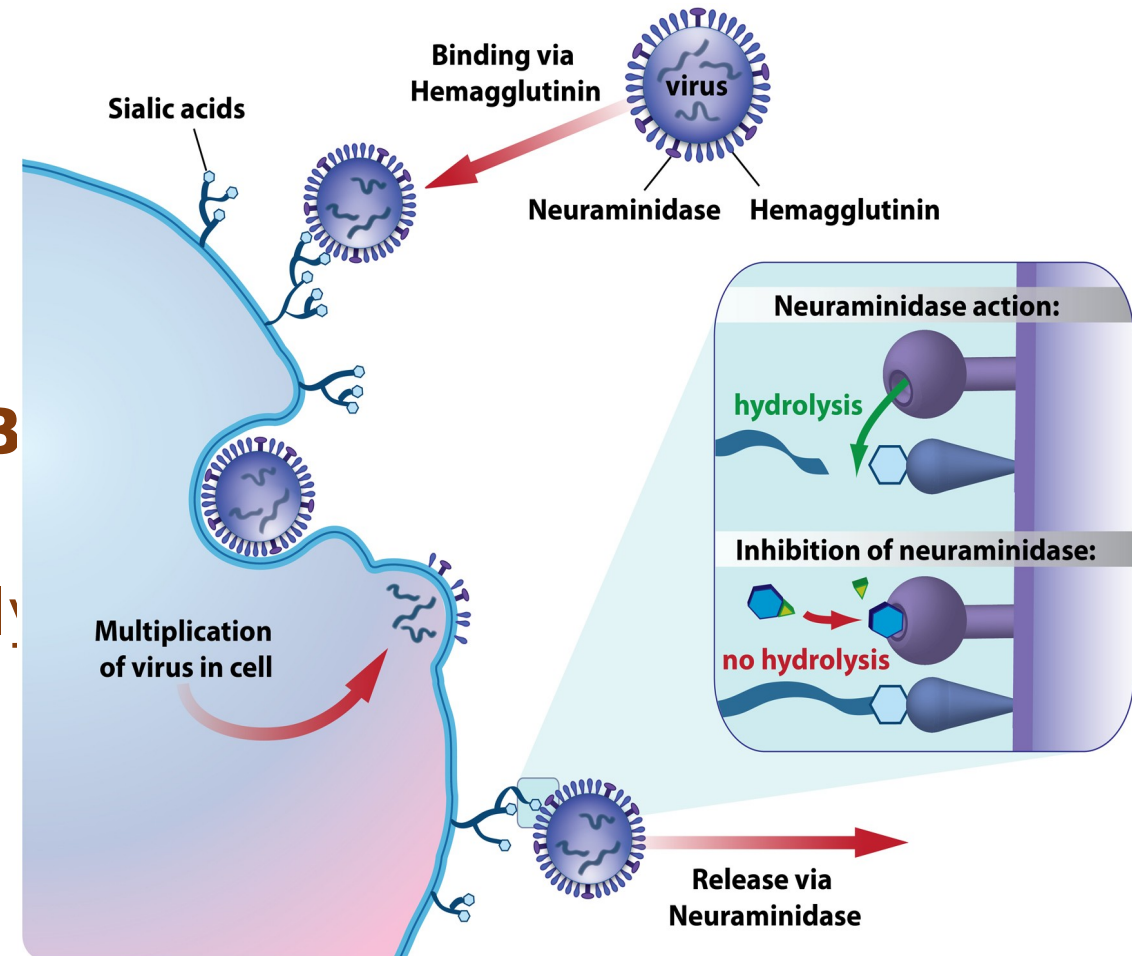
## B -Chemoprophylaxis

### Neuraminidase inhibitors (oseltamivir)



Active against influenza types **A and B**

Given to **exposed non vaccinated elderly**



# Hantavirus



## Structure

### A- Family

### Bunyavirus

### B-Nucleocapsid

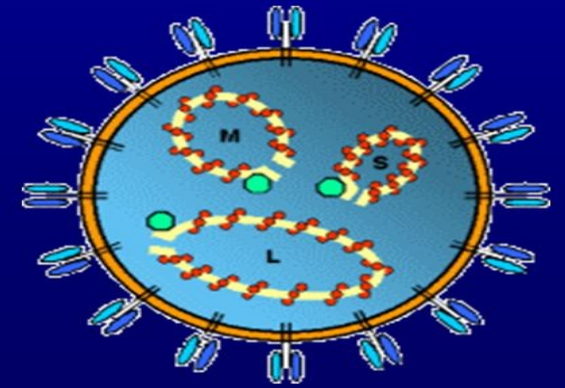
ssRNA

### C- Enveloped

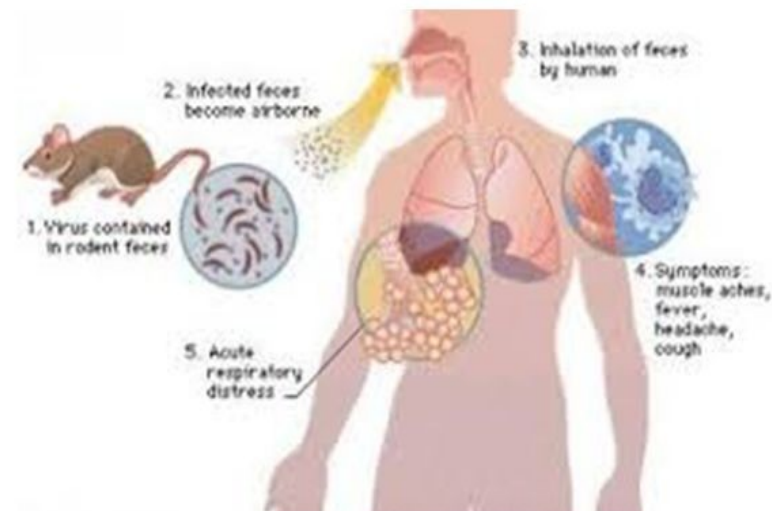
### D- Sin Nombre virus

A new hantavirus that causes a severe disease called **hantavirus pulmonary syndrome (HPS)**.

**L-segment** codes for an L-protein (the RNA dependent RNA polymerase);  
**M segment** codes for two surface glycoproteins G1 and G2 which form the envelope spikes;  
**S segment** codes for an N-protein (nucleocapsid protein).



- Also known as Four Corners Virus or Sin Nombre Virus
- Spread through infected rodents and their excretory waste
- Deadly pulmonary disease



# Pathogenesis

## A-Mode of transmission

- **Robovirus** : transmitted from **rodents**

**Inhalation** of aerosols from excreta ( urine, feces, or saliva) of infected deer

- **No human to human transmission**

## B- Site of replication & **Effect on cells**

1-Virus enters the blood & travels throughout the body



Infests endothelial cells of blood capillary walls.

2- Induces release of inflammatory mediators



**Leakage of fluid** from capillaries

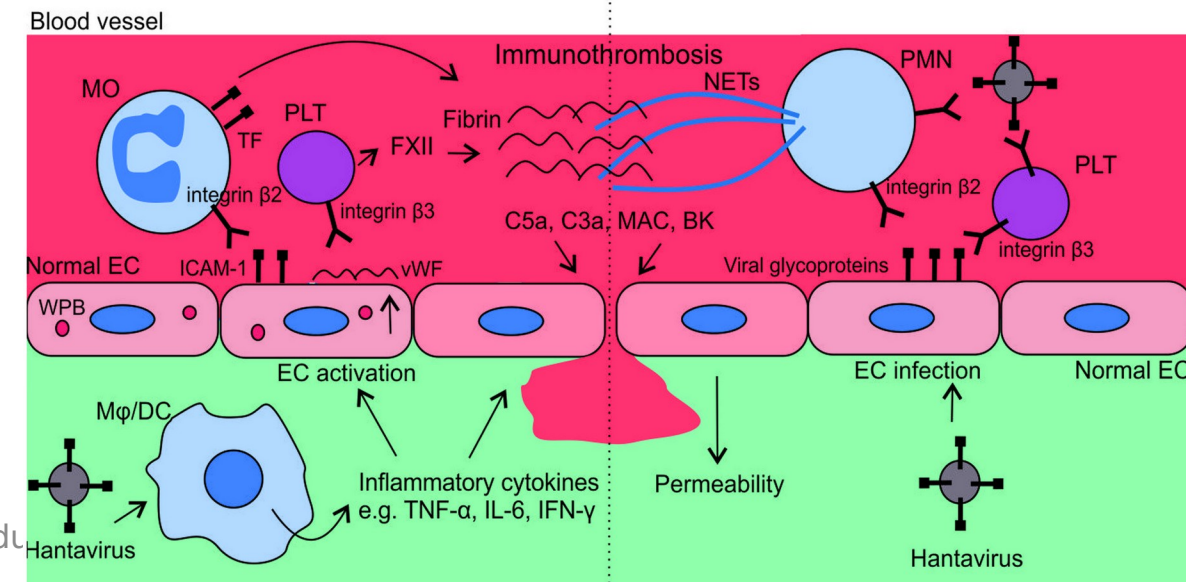


Hypotension, **pneumonia** & shock.



## Hantavirus in brief

### How the virus spreads to humans



# Hantavirus



## Clinical manifestations

### A-Korean hemorrhagic fever (KHF)

- Petechial hemorrhage
- **Shock**
- **Renal failure**

### 2-Hanta pulmonary syndrome (high mortality)

- **Dry cough, pulmonary edema, shortness of breath**

- **Acute respiratory failure**

## Hantavirus in brief

### How the virus spreads to humans



### Symptoms

Early	Later, 1-2 days
• Chills	• Dry cough
• Fever	• Headache
• Muscle aches	• Nausea, vomiting
	• Shortness of breath

### Characteristics

- Most prevalent in rural areas
- Campers and hikers more likely to catch the virus, because tents rest on the ground
- Cannot be spread between humans

4 Acute respiratory distress; serious infection that quickly worsens



# Hantavirus



## Laboratory diagnosis

1-PCR :Detection of **RNA** in lung tissue

2-Serology : detection of **IgM**

## Prevention

**Eliminate or minimize contact with rodents by:**

Seal up holes, trap & clean up food sources

## SUGGESTED TEXTBOOKS



- ***Review of Medical Microbiology and Immunology, Warren Levinson pages 683-694.***
- **[https://www.cdc.gov/ HAI](https://www.cdc.gov/HAI) .**
- **American Journal of Respiratory Critical Care Medicine Vol 171. pp 388-416, 2005)**
- **<http://text.apic.org/item37/chapter36pneumonia/all>**

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